

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by First Selectman John Adams at 7:31 p.m.

PRESENT: John Adams, B. Scott Kuhnly, Sally King, Mark Neumann, Ronald Desrosiers (via conference call) and William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager; and Student Liaisons Tyler Dowling and Nicole Kuhnly

I. PUBLIC SESSION

Resident Brian Hickey addressed the Board in regard to the speeding and truck traffic on Day Street. He indicated that other surrounding towns have signs posted on certain roads that state "no thru trucks". He thinks this would help the problem with truck traffic on some roads in Granby. He also suggested adding stop signs, speed bumps, and possibly hiring a police officer to slow down the traffic. He indicated he would continue to address the Board meetings until this problem is resolved.

First Selectman Adams thanked him for his suggestions.

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 21, 2012 as presented.

III. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Ordinance Limiting Commercial Motor Vehicles on Day Street

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to table the discussion of an ordinance limiting commercial motor vehicles on Day Street.

Selectman King stated she has already met with Francis Armentano, Director of Community Development and things are moving along.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Resignations and Appointments to be Considered

No resignations or appointments were received.

First Selectman Adams reported there are two vacancies, one on the Agricultural Commission and one on the Conservation Commission. Inquiries can be made, by contacting the Town Manager's office.

B. Consideration of Connecticut Department of Transportation Grant Application

Town Manager Smith reported KerryAnn Kielbasa, Director of Human Services, has requested permission to apply for a grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation for transportation services for seniors and disabled residents. The Town of Granby has been awarded this grant since FY 2006-2007. The grant funds combined with municipal dollars are used to employ a full-time senior van driver. The grant request for FY 2012-2013 will be \$20,593 and requires a 50% match that will be met by the 2012-2013 budget for Senior Van Services. The grant application is due on April 2, 2012.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the request to apply for the grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation for transportation services for seniors and disabled residents in the amount of \$20,593.

C. Budget Presentation 2012-2013

As required by Charter, Town Manager Smith presented the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget to the Board and proceeded with some highlights.

The Town Operations Proposed Budget has increased \$180,190, a change of 2.0%. The Debt Service is on the down swing and has a decrease of \$135,004, a change of -3.9%. Capital Budget (General Fund contribution) has increased \$170,000, or 3.7%. The total proposed budget for FY 2013 is \$13,588,317, an increase of 0.6% over last year.

This proposed budget was developed to meet restrictions imposed by the Board of Selectmen and a Board of Finance target guideline of \$9,172,907 or 2% over the Fiscal Year 2011-12 operating budget of \$8,992,717. This guideline will hopefully sustain existing operations and result in minimal tax increases in the 2012-13 year. The Board of Finance set the guideline at 2.0% for the Board of Selectmen and 1% for the Board of Education, to hold a mill rate increases at below 2.0%.

Property Tax Revenues combined for this year and last year are the same. The current proposed levy will be determined when the new mill rate is formally set following budget approval. There has been a drop in the Federal Jobs Grant, which was a one time grant used as part of the Board of Education Budget. Local Departmental and Fund Revenue totals are down 11.7% because of lower use of fund balance and a decrease in short term investments because of low interest rates.

Significant changes in Fringe Benefits include increased costs in the Health Plan with Stop Loss at \$16,864, Pension at \$17,942, and State Treas./FICA at \$9,211. Total increase is \$44,000.

Capital Budget for FY 2012-2013 is \$1,444,998. The amount requested from the General Government Budget is \$1,100,000; from Town Aid Road Fund (TAR) - \$135,000; LOCIP Fund - \$85,000; Communications Fund - \$40,000; and Capital Equipment/Improvement Fund Balance - \$84,998.

The total appropriation amount of \$1,444,998 for FY 2012-2013 amounts to \$819,998 for the town, and \$625,000 for the Board of Education.

Town Manager Smith indicated he is always available to answer questions in regard to the budget. First Selectman Adams also reminded everyone the Budget Workshop meetings will begin on Thursday evening March 8th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. They are also scheduled to meet on Monday March 12th, at 6:00 p.m. and conclude on Monday March 19th, at 6:00 p.m., if needed, prior to the regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting.

First Selectman Adams reviewed the budget process beginning with the budget being approved by the Board of Selectmen at the upcoming March 19, 2012 meeting and forwarded to the Board of Finance for review on March 26th. The budget will be available for general distribution on April 5, 2012 and the Board of Finance will hold a public hearing on April 9th. The Annual Budget Meeting will take place on April 23, 2012 and may be adopted at the meeting by a majority vote following Charter procedure. If it is not adopted that night, it will go to a machine vote the following Monday.

Selectman Kuhnly inquired about the Education Quality and Diversity Fund for the Board of Education. Town Manager Smith responded the state contributes money to this fund for the Board of Education. The intention is for the funds to go toward all day kindergarten, as well as other enrichment programs.

Selectman Kuhnly expressed his thanks to Town Manager Smith and Finance Officer Barbarajean Scibelli for working hard on this year's budget. Town Manager Smith thanked Finance Officer Barbarajean Scibelli, Director of Community Development Francis Armentano, Patricia Chieski, Susan Christian, and all department heads for their contributions in getting this budget together.

V. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

A. Update on Proposed Lease of 83 Salmon Brook Street

The Board of Selectmen had suggested that the town advertise the rental of property they recently acquired at 83 Salmon Brook Street. A legal notice seeking a Request for Proposal (RFP) to lease the property was published in the Hartford Courant and a notice was also placed on the Granby Web Site, as well as notices mailed to adjacent property owners. The closing date for the RFP was February 24, 2012.

Only one proposal was received from Peppermill Country Store and Deli. The owner, Jennifer Girard, is willing to make a substantial investment into the property to bring it up to a usable standard in addition to paying rent.

The Development Commission is excited about the proposed use of the property and a basic agreement is expected to be finalized soon. Town Manager Smith indicated the town would like to make a lease agreement with "Peppermill" in the next few weeks.

VI. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (John Adams)

First Selectman Adams reported a recent meeting of CRCOG that had a presentation on police department dispatch centers. It was reported that there are already 120 centers in the state, and there are approximately 20-30 towns looking into consolidation. Granby has looked into this before and it was not really a money saver at the time. To build a facility to house 5-7 dispatchers would be very expensive. It may be looked into more in the next couple of years.

First Selectman Adams also reported tip fees with CRRRA have been fluctuating quite a bit lately. He indicated that our contract has an opt out clause in November if the tip fee is over \$61/ton.

VII. SELECTMAN REPORTS (Sally King, Vice Chairman, Ronald Desrosiers, B. Scott Kuhnly, and Mark Neumann, and Tyler Dowling and Nicole Kuhnly Liaisons)

Selectman Neumann reported Chief Carl Rosensweig introduced the newly appointed Captain this morning with a brief welcoming ceremony. Captain William Tyler is from Farmington and will be introduced to the Selectmen at a future meeting.

Tyler Dowling reported it is CMT and CAPT test time again. Spring sports will begin soon.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.
Town Manager